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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002 (Paper No. 6) and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, the period for response extending through April 19, 2003 by a petition for one-month extension of time filed herewith, Applicant amends the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 as follows:

1. (Amended) A spark plug comprising:

a central electrode;

a metal shell;

an alumina ceramic insulator disposed between the center electrode and the metal shell,

wherein at least part of the surface of the insulator is covered with a glaze layer comprising oxides,